

RELIGIOUS CURRICULUM

PRE-KINDERGARTEN (3/4 YEAR OLD)

TEXT – DISCOVERING GOD’S WORLD

The Discovering God’s World books are specially designed for pre-school. Each lesson utilizes story and a small activity geared towards tiny hands and big imaginations. Also, there are At Home With Your Family activities that work to reinforce the weekly lesson.

KINDERGARTEN (5 YEAR OLD)

TEXT - THIS IS OUR FAITH

The This is Our Faith kindergarten edition consists of four-page leaflets for each chapter. Along with learning about God’s love the children are provided with material to help celebrate the feast and seasons of the year

GRADES ONE THRU SIX - BLEST ARE WE

Blest Are We Catechetical Principle:

Catechesis is an essential moment in the process of evangelization. It is a gradual process through which the catechist leads children to a greater understanding of and identification with the Catholic community. This journey brings the child into communion and intimacy with the living presence of Christ in the believing and worshiping church community.

General Directory for Catechesis 48, 63, 146, 156

GRADE ONE:

God is present in our lives and our community. ***Blest Are We*** helps children at this level come to know God as our Father, Son and Holy spirit. Children become aware of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and in the Church Community. They learn to praise and thank Him through prayer, song and creative expression.

GRADE TWO:

We come together to celebrate God’s forgiveness and to be nourished in Christ. ***Blest Are We*** encourages children of this age to enter into the community of the Church to celebrate God in the Word and in the Sacrament of Communion.

GRADE THREE:

We are called to spread the Good News to others. ***Blest Are We*** helps children recognize the mission of the Catholic church by giving them the opportunity to learn about their faith and to grow by service to others.

GRADE FOUR:

We are called to live God’s law of love. Jesus teaches us to love, forgive and live in service. ***Blest Are We*** outlines God’s laws and His desire for us to imitate Christ. Children learn that a moral Christian life is one of prayer lived in love and forgiveness guided by the grace of the sacraments.

GRADE FIVE:

Through the sacraments we receive God's sanctifying grace and are enabled to see Jesus in others and in ourselves. ***Blest Are We*** guides children to an understanding of the gifts of the seven sacraments and the Christian call to live a life of virtue.

UPPER GRADES:

Blest Are We places the Word of God in our children's lives. It emphasizes Old Testament roots with Bible stories, visuals and background information. These activities and curriculum help the Bible come alive & enable the student to hear the Word and live it.

